

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 5, 2006, claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Davis (U.S. Patent No. 5,881,710)(previously cited). The foregoing rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the Telephone Conference conducted on May 1, 2006. As a result, independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to further clarify the patentably distinction of the present invention. Support for the claim amendments can be found at FIG. 3, for example. Minor Amendments have been made to dependent claims 8 and 16. Claims 2, 4 and 6 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 5 and 7-17 are currently pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Davis fails to discuss "the inner cover comprising a window accommodating part which extends towards the inside of the oven compartment from a periphery of the opening to accommodate the window, the window accommodating part comprising L-shaped portions including grooves therein, wherein the window is fittingly inserted into the grooves and contacting with the periphery of the opening of the inner cover and the window accommodating part," as recited in amended claim 1, for example.

In contrast, Davis discusses an oven door assembly having a window assembly positioned in an inner liner 48 of the door (see column 4, lines 13-25; and FIGS. 11 and 12, for example). Further, an insulation layer 22 is positioned on the inner liner 48, so that the window assembly is received within an opening of the insulation layer 22. The insulation layer 22 rests on a second ledge of the inner liner 48 and fills in the space between the inner liner 48 and the window assembly. Again, a gasket 120 is placed within a channel of the inner liner 48 and once the window assembly is assembled, it is positioned on the inner liner so that the window 58 is centered about the window 44 of the inner liner and abuts the gasket 120 to seal the window assembly (see FIGS. 11 and 12). That is, the window 58 does not contact the periphery of the opening of the inner liner 48. Further, as shown in FIG. 12, the insulation layer contacts with the periphery of the opening of the inner liner. Davis discusses similar disadvantages as the related art discussed in paragraph [0007] of the specification regarding the use of a fixing means and a liquid sealant to be applied to the window and the opening, to adhere the opening to the window. The present invention does not require the use of any additional elements, for example, gaskets 120 or insulation 22, as discussed in Davis, to secure the window.

Independent claim 13 has been amended to recite features somewhat similar to amended claim 1.

Various embodiments of the present invention, discuss, for example, as shown in FIG. 2 and described in paragraphs [0025]-[0026] on page 4 of the specification, the inner cover 20 has the window accommodating part 23 (having a "L" shape formed by being bent from the periphery of the opened middle part 21 of the plate part 31 toward the inside of the oven compartment 3) into which the window 15 can be inserted. Further, after inserting the window 15, the supporter 33 which is extended from the periphery of the opening part of the plate part 30 is inserted into the window accommodating part while contacting the periphery of the window 15 to support the inserted window 15. Therefore, the window 15 is not broken.

Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that the 102(b) rejection is overcome.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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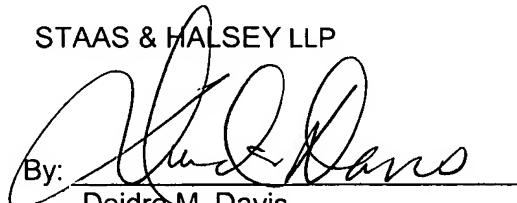
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